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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 15, 2010, having a threemonth shortened statutory response period in which this Amendment is being timely filed, please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the claim summary which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.